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SUBJ: THAI FOREIGN MINISTER STATES THAILAND WILL WITHDRAW
FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AT PRESS CONFERENCE SEPT.
15, THAI FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI STATED THAT
THAILAND WILL WITHDRAW ITS MILITARY FORCES FROM THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA. ACCORDING TO USIS TRANSCRIPT
HE SAID, QTE WE HAVE ONLY A TOKEN FORCE THERE, A FEW
PILOTS AND A FEW PERSONNEL TO HOIST OUR FLAG. WE
WON'T BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY MOTION FOR FOREIGN
FORCES TO REMAIN THERE. AS SOON AS AGREEMENT IS
REACHED TO ABOLISH THE U.N. MILITARY COMMAND, WE
WILL WITHDRAW OUR MILITARY FORCES THERE IMMEDIATELY.
END QTE.

2. EARLIER IN PRESS CONFERENCE CHATCHAI HAD SAID, QTE I WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH KEEPING FOREIGN FORCES THERE (I.E., IN REPUBLIC OF KOREA). WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO CHASE FOREIGN FORCES OUT OF THAILAND TO THE UTMOST OF OUR ABILITY, SO HOW CAN WE KEEP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUR TROOPS IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY? IT WOULD CONFLICT

WITH OUR FOREIGN POLICY IN THE STATEMENT OF POLICY ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OBTAINED A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN PARLIAMENT....WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE STATIONING OF OUR MILITARY FORCES ANYWHERE, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THE MILITARY FORCES OF ANY OTHER NATION TO COME AND BE STATIONED INNTHAILAND. THIS IS THE PRINCIPLE WE ADHERE TO. END QTE.

3. COMMENT: WITHDRAWAL OF THAI FORCES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AMOUNTS TO WITHDRAWING UNIT OF ABOUT 24 MEN, EQUIPPED WITH ONE C-123, AND WOULD TAKE PLACE WHEN AGREEMENT REACHED TO ABOLISH UN MILITARY COMMAND. AT THAT POINT, THAI FORCES WOULD HAVE NO RPT NO BASIS FOR REMAINING IN REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

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